THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Government is guided by a number of considerations while deciding about the issue of Commemorative/ Special Postage Stamps. A set of guidelines have been laid down for the purpose. As per Statement (*See* below). Proposals are also placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee which functions in the Department to advise the Government on such matters. The recommendations of the Committee, as also the Guidelines, are kept in view while deciding about the issue of stamps.

(b) The Guidelines prescribed that the personality should be of a national or international importance. As such, it is difficult to classify them by region or State. However, it is estimated that stamps on six personalities from Assam have been issued since 1947.

(c) No proposal is presently under consideration in this regard. However, now this question will be treated as proposal and placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee.

**Statement**

*Guidelines for the Issue of Commemorative/Special Postage Stamp from 1981 onwards*

1. Proposals may be taken up well in advance, say about a year before the proposed date of issue, to enable proper examination, designing, approval, announcement, printing and supply of stamps as part of a planned programme.

2. A stamp commemorative a living personality may not ordinarily be issued.

3. Not more than one stamp on a personality may be issued, save in exceptional cases. In such cases, the proposals may be considered by the Government on the recommendations of the Philatelic Advisory Committee.

4. The personalities on whom commemorative stamps are issued may be of national or international importance and the occasion should be ordinarily birth centenary or 10th/25th/100th death anniversary. Commemorative stamps may be issued on the first death anniversary of the personality, only in very exceptional cases.

5. No stamp may ordinarily be issued commemorating an institution unless the occasion is its centenary.

6. Events of very important national or international character may only be considered for issue of stamps, occasions of lesser importance may be commemorated by providing special cancellation.

7. Commemorative/special stamps issued in a year may be about 40 and of these stamps on eminent personalities may be about 10.

**T.V. Centres in the Country**

1589. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what is the Statewise break-up of the number of T.V. Centres, transmission stations and the areas covered by television in the country till October, 1986, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement.

**Statement**

| S.No. | State/Union Territory | Programme Production Centres | Television Transmitters | %age Area covered as on 31-10-86 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | *STATES* | | | |
| 1 | Assam | 1 | 5 | 32·7 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 1 | 16 | 38·1 |
| 3 | Bihar | 1 | 11 | 71·2 |
| 4 | Gujarat | 1* | 9 | 56·0 |
| 5 | Haryana | .. | 2 | 95·5 |
| 6 | Himachal Pradesh | .. | 3 | 26·3 |
| 7 | Jammu & Kashmir | 1 | 5 | 25·3 |
| 8 | Karnataka | 1 | 13 | 35·0 |
| 9 | Kerala | 1 | 5 | 72·2 |
| 10 | Madhya Pradesh | .. | 15 | 31·1 |
| 11 | Maharashtra | 2 | 22 | 36.7 |
| 12 | Manipur | .. | 2 | 17·9 |
| 13 | Meghalaya | .. | 2 | 17·8 |
| 14 | Mizoram | .. | 1 | 9·5 |
| 15 | Nagaland | .. | 1 | 12·0 |
| 16 | Orissa | 1 | 5 | 36·5 |
| 17 | Punjab | 1 | 4 | 100·0 |
| 18 | Rajasthan | .. | 13 | 24.9 |
| 19 | Sikkim, | .. | 1 | 28·1 |
| 20 | Tamil Nadu | 1 | 8 | 86·9 |
| 21 | Tripura | .. | 1 | 10·9 |
| 22 | Uttar Pradesh | 2 | 24 | 70·0 |
| 23 | West Bengal | 1 | 9 | 94·3 |
| | *UNION TERRITORIES* | | | |
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | .. | 2 | 15·60 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | .. | 1 | 2.1 |
| 3 | Delhi | 2 | 1 | 100.0 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Goa, Daman & Diu | .. | 1 | 94.7 |
| 5 | Pondicherry (except Mahe, Yanam & Karaikal) | .. | 1 | 100.0 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | .. | .. | 100.0 |
| 7 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | .. | .. | .. |
| 8. | Lakshadweep | .. | .. | .. |
| | | 17 | 183 | |

*NOTE: This refers to Programme Production Centre at Rajkot.

In addition, studio facilities of Space Applications Centre, Indian Space Research Organisation at Ahmedabad are used by Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad for production of local programmes.

**Earnings of Doordarshan from the Advertisements**

1590. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of revenue earnings of Doordarshan from advertisements during the period April—October, 1986;

(b) whether Government propose to continue with the policy of finding sponsors for programmes; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to ensure that the quality of the programmes does not decline as a result of increased commercialisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The gross revenue earnings of Doordarshan from advertisements as available for the period April to September, 1986 are Rs. 45,90,37,398. The provisional figures for October, 1986 are Rs. 7.15 crores.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

**Clearance of Afforestation Project for Hyderabad and Secunderabad**

1591. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an afforestation project proposal of the Andhra Pradesh Government for "Greening" the heavily afforested and denuded areas of Hyderabad-Secunderabad, is under consideration of National Wastelands Development Board (NWDB); and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the reasons for delay in giving permission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) A project proposal formulated by CHETANA, a Voluntary Organisation, on a "Green Belt around Hyderabad" for assistance from the Federal Republic of Germany is under the consideration of the Government of India.

(b) This project aims at afforesting the periphery of the twin cities of Hyderabad/Secunderabad and taking up a meaningful rural development programme for the benefit of nearly 7 lakh people living in 307 villages around the cities. The project has two components : (i) Green belt development around Hyderabad and (ii) IRD Programme. The project period is 10 years and the cost is estimated at Rs. 150.00